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In re Application of:)
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Nobuo HAINO et al.) **Examiner:** Nigar Chowdhury
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Application No.: 09/929,110) **Group Art Unit:** 2616
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Filed: August 15, 2001) **Confirmation No.:** 8429
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Title: INFORMATION RECORDING)
APPARATUS, INFORMATION)
RECORDING METHOD AND)
INFORMATION RECORDING)
MEDIUM IN WHICH)
RECORDING CONTROLLING)
PROGRAM IS RECORDED)

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p).

A European Examination Report dated October 24, 2005 is attached for the Examiner's consideration together with a copy of each document listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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Documents cited in the European Examination Report are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should the document be applied against the claims of the present application.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573. This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSIONS OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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